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SUMMARY: GOP CONFIRMS PRESS REPORT ON IMPENDING OPENING IN
ALGIERS OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
LIBERATION MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLICATION NOVEMBER 19 OF FRANCE PRESSE
REPORT CONCERNING GOP-MLSTP (MOVIMENTO DE LIBERTACAO DE S.
TOME E PRINCIPE) TALKS ON DECOLONIZATION OF ISLANDS, GOP
HAS ISSUED FORMAL STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT NEGOTIATIONS
ARE TO BEGIN. STATEMENT READS: "SUBSEQUENT TO PRELIMINARY
CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT (GOP) AND THE SAO TOME AND
PRINCIPE LIBERATION MOVEMENT, DELEGATIONS FROM THE TWO SIDES
WILL MEET NEXT SATURDAY (NOV 23) IN ALGIERS TO DISCUSS
THE OVERALL PROGRAM AND TIMETABLE FOR DECOLONIZATION OF THAT
TERRITORY ON THE BASIS OF A REPRESENTATIVE CONSTITUENT
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ASSEMBLY TO BE ELECTED BY DIRECT AND UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE".

2. FRANCE PRESSE REPORT FROM LIBREVILLE HAD NOTED THAT PRELIMINARY GOP-MLSTP CONTACTS TOOK PLACE SEPT 28-OCT 3, WITH FINAL COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT DATE AND PLACE OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE FIXED AT LATER TIME BY JOINT ACCORD OF PARTIES.

3. GOP'S CONFIRMATION OF FRANCE PRESSE REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE IDENTITY OF GOP NEGOTIATORS. HOWEVER, NOV 18 LISBON PRESS REPORTED ON DEPARTURE FOR PARIS AND, POSSIBLY, THE CAPITAL OF "ONE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES" OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MELO ANTUNES. NOVEMBER 19 (MORNING) PRESS REPORTED THAT ANTUNES WAS IN ALGIERS FOR PURPOSE OF CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF "ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS".
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